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Meeting of R&D Patent Review Board held 11/29/71.

Attendees: H. Wakeham  
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1. Reviewed list provided by Mr. Cridlin of pending patent applications, disclosures and their status. Noted that future lists are to include all consecutive P.M. numbered disclosures and pertinent information including date application filed. Recommended that patent group develop and maintain chronological action log for each patent disclosure to provide a history and accounting of progress of these disclosures. To consider possible issuance of these lists as agenda for patent review meetings.
2. Noted that purpose of board is to review and assist in expediting patent matters. In this connection, it was estimated that present system requiring approximately one and one-half years to complete a filing is excessively long. Some instances noted where disclosures have been in hands of New York attorneys for over a year with no action. Immediate objective is to effect a one year process period and then to shorten even this time span. Mr. Bill Cridlin to discuss with Mr. Kothe.
3. Mr. Cridlin will verbally and with follow-up letters request Mr. Kothe to expedite filing applications on P.M. numbers 551, 566, 571, 581, 584, 586 and 588.
4. Disclosures - P.M. 515 and 574: in hands of attorneys for long time. Mr. Cridlin to determine interest of inventors in having applications filed. If affirmative to request, Mr. Kothe to expedite filing.
5. Disclosure - P.M. 582: Mr. Cridlin to obtain decision on pursuit as patent application from Mr. Osmalov.

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6. Disclosure - P.M. 593: Since company policy does not include filing applications on incidental laboratory equipment, Mr. Cridlin to so advise inventor and recommend he publish on items for technical recognition.
7. Tentative meeting dates for Patent Review Board in 1972 - March 7, June 13, September 12, December 19.

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